

Devizes to Westminster 2019

Endeavour—last updated 10th January 2019



The Endeavour Doubles category is a non-competitive challenge with the aim of completing the course of the Devizes to Westminster International Canoe Race. Whilst elapsed times will be recorded for safety purposes, participants will receive no official Finishing Times. No 'place' prizes are awarded in this category but paddlers will receive a Certificate of Completion of the course. Paddlers are also free of the restriction of having to stay within 100 metres of the course and may either leave the course overnight or use the camping site provided.

It is open to all paddlers aged 19 years or over on the 1st of January in the year of the event. It is also open to crews comprising of one paddler aged 19 years (as above), and a paddler under 19 years but not less than 15 years of age, on the 1st of January in the year of the event.

Any paddler whose age does not fall within this range is ineligible to enter. Any attempt by an ineligible paddler to take part will result in disqualification from that year's race. The DW Organisation also reserves the right to ban that paddler from entering the race for a further 3 years, and to decline any entry associated with that paddler's club or team leader for 1 year.

Start windows, as set out by the organisers below, must be adhered to in order to reduce congestion along the course.

Course Details:

Day 1 (Good Friday)	Devizes to Newbury	34 miles
Day 2 (Easter Saturday)	Newbury to Marlow	36 miles
Day 3 (Easter Sunday)	Marlow to Ham	38 miles
Day 4 (Easter Monday)	Ham to Westminster	17 miles

Crews must report on day one, one hour prior to their intended start time at Devizes.

Start times over the Race Weekend are as follows.

Devizes	07:00—08:00 Fast Endeavour crews (likely to take under 6 hours to Newbury) must contact the official starter for permission to vary their start time to ensure they do not arrive in Newbury before 13:00. Contact 01983 731403 or starter@dwrace.co.uk by the Wednesday before Easter.
Newbury (Northcroft)	Elapsed time of 8 – 9.5 hours 06:45 – 07:15 Elapsed time of 7 – 8 hours 07:15 – 07:45 Elapsed time of 6 – 7 hours 07:45 – 08:30 Fast Endeavour crews (under 6 hours) must agree their start time with the official starter to ensure they do not arrive at Marlow before 13:00
Marlow (Longridge)	Elapsed time of 16 – 19 hours 06:45 – 07:15 Elapsed time of 14 – 16 hours 07:15 – 07:45 Elapsed time of 12 – 14 hours 07:45 – 08:30 Fast Endeavour crews (under 12 hrs to Marlow) must agree their start time with the official starter to ensure they do not arrive at Ham before 13:00
Ham (TYM)	Batch starts, just after high tide, fastest first. High tide 05.29 BST

Finish window closes at 5.30pm on days 1, 2 and 3.

Finishing arrangements:

Friday	Newbury	On the right-hand side of the canal at Northcroft Leisure Centre
Saturday	Marlow	On the right-hand side of the river at Longridge
Sunday	Ham	On the right-hand side of the river at Thames Young Mariners
Monday	Westminster	On the right-hand side on the downstream face of Westminster Bridge

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Crews should not stop paddling until they hear the finish signal; an air-horn, bell or whistle, with the exception of the final day when they must continue to paddle until they have passed under Westminster Bridge. Upon finishing they must follow instructions of safety boat crews or race officials.

End-of-stage arrangements for Endeavours

Paddlers may either leave the course or camp on site between each days paddling. Those using the sites will rise in time to pack up, clean their quarters and place all refuse in the bins. Paddlers are responsible for making sure that they have carefully checked their published start times for the following day. The organisers will bear no responsibility for any failure by the paddlers to turn up on time. Start windows will not be extended for latecomers.